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The Honorable Jim Weiers Speaker of the House Arizona House of Representatives 1700 West Washington Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: House Bill 2575; county supervisors; membership; number

Dear Speaker Weiers:

Today I vetoed House Bill 2575, relating to the number of county supervisors on the boards of smaller counties.

This bill is neither timely, necessary nor cost effective. In four years, we will have new census figures that will significantly affect which counties are subject to this bill and how any new supervisor districts would be drawn. Most counties with fewer than 200,000 persons have either operated efficiently with fewer than five supervisors or had the option to vote to increase their boards to five. Forcing a county such as Pinal County to increase now to five supervisors without a public vote would cost taxpayers in that county over \$1 million. I am aware of no compelling reason why it is in the best interest of the state to change this law at this time.

For these and other reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 2575.

Yours very truly,

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Governor

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cc: The Honorable Ken Bennett The Honorable Cheryl Chase